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ETHICS COMMISSION OFFERS PUBLIC RESOURCES ON ITS WEB SITE

The Ohio Ethics Commission is pleased to announce its presence on the world wide web at: <http://www.ethics.state.oh.us> Sister Mary Andrew Matesich, Chair of the Ethics Commission, indicated that "One of the goals of the Ethics Commission has been to continue to improve and make more efficient, the availability of informational materials related to Ohio's Ethics Law for the benefit of public officials, the public, and the media. The addition of Internet access is a valuable part of that effort."

The web site provides access to over 275 formal advisory opinions issued by the Ohio Ethics Commission since 1974, an opinion index which can be searched on-line, general information about the Commission, training and educational materials, and links to related government sites.

David E. Freel, Executive Director, complimented the efforts of the Ethics Commission's Network Administrator, Angela Atwell, and the assistance of those in the Computer Services Division of the Department of Administrative Services, in getting the web site up and running. Freel noted that "In addition to providing assistance over the telephone and through the distribution of educational materials, our web site provides yet another avenue for everyone to access the Ethics Law and information concerning the Ethics Commission's authority. The Commission is pleased with the appearance and substance of the web site."

The Ohio Ethics Commission is an independent agency of state government charged with interpreting and administering the Ohio Ethics Law for most state and local public officials and employees. The Commission has been serving the public, and state and local governments, since its formation as part of the Ohio Ethics Law in 1973.

